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After Sharon Carter was manipulated by the Red Skull into taking the life of Steve Rogers, Cap's former partner during World War II, James "Bucky" Barnes, agreed to don Cap's mantle to go after his killer.

But even after the Red Skull's apparent demise, the public still needs Captain America, while Bucky still needs to atone, at least in his own mind, for the sins he committed as the Winter Soldier, the Soviet mercenary he was brainwashed into becoming during the Cold War.

Meanwhile, there are those out there who remember the Winter Soldier all too well and would love to know that he's wearing the uniform of America's greatest hero...

TIME'S ARROW - PART 1 OF 3

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Shanghai, China—1942
YOU SURE THIS IS THE RIGHT WAY, STEVE?
福花安
<YES. BUT WE HAVE TO BLEND IN...LIKE GERMAN TOURISTS. NO ENGLISH, REMEMBER?>
<SORRY... I'M BUSHED. CAN'T BELIEVE WE FLEW OVER "THE HUMP.">
<THAT WASN'T FLYING...>
<I WAS ABOUT TO BAIL OUT AND TRY TO CARRY YOU BOTH A FEW TIMES.>
<IT WAS BUMPY--OH WAIT.>
<HERE'S THE ADDRESS...>
<NOW WHERE'S OUR CONTACT?>

HE IS RIGHT HERE, YOUNG MAN...
NOW, COME THIS WAY...OUT OF THE STREET WITH YOU.
IS THE OBJECTIVE NEARBY?
YES, THIS PATH LEADS DIRECTLY TO THE FACTORY.
I'VE TAKEN CARE OF THE SOLDIERS ON THE WAY.
YOU BLEW YOUR COVER?
THIS IS MY ONLY MISSION, AMERICAN.
I JOIN MY WIFE AND DAUGHTER AFTER THIS.
WHERE ARE THEY?
WHERE THE JAPANESE CAN HURT THEM NO MORE.
HOLD UP. WE GOT TROUBLE.

GUESS NO ONE EVER TAUGHT YOU TO HIDE THE BODIES.
(AMERICANS!)
BLAM BLAM
BLAM
TORCH--GET THROUGH THAT DOOR, NOW. GENERAL MACARTHUR IS COUNTING ON US.
RIGHT.
BUCKY AND I WILL BE RIGHT BEHIND YOU.

YOU HAD BETTER BE!
BLAM BLAM
YAAAAA!
RATATATATAT
BLAM BLAM
GO, TORCH--GO!
RATATATATAT

New York—
Now
CAN YOU EVER SLEEP?
NOT A LOT, NO...
TOO MUCH RATTLING AROUND IN MY HEAD LATELY.
YOU SHOULDN'T BE THINKING AT ALL RIGHT NOW, JAMES...
COME BACK TO BED AND I'LL TAKE CARE OF THAT.
I'M TOO ANTSY RIGHT NOW, NATALIA...
IT'S JUST... BEEN A WEIRD TIME, Y'KNOW?
OF COURSE... IT'S ALL REAL FOR YOU NOW.
AND THEY ALL KNOW YOU'RE HERE...

"...CAPTAIN AMERICA IS BACK.
"YOU'VE BEEN PROVING IT FOR OVER A MONTH NOW, JAMES...
"...AND PEOPLE ARE GETTING USED TO THE IDEA.
"EVEN THE OTHER HEROES ARE STARTING TO ACCEPT YOU.
"THE UNREGISTERED ONES, AT LEAST."

THAT'S MOSTLY SAM'S DOING...HIS WORD GOES A LONG WAY.
IT'S NOT JUST THAT.
IT'S YOUR ACTIONS.

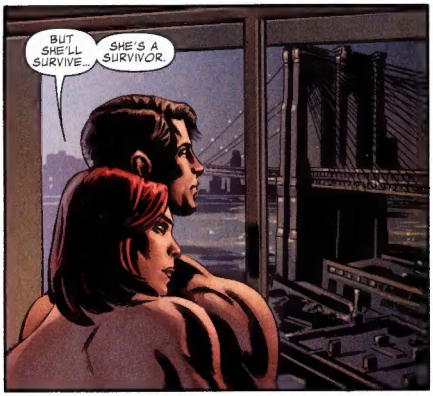
YEAH... BUT IT'S ACTIONS THAT KEEP ME UP AT NIGHT, ISN'T IT?
STOP. YOU ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE WINTER SOLDIER'S ACTIONS.

I REMEMBER THEM ALL, THOUGH...EVERY ONE.

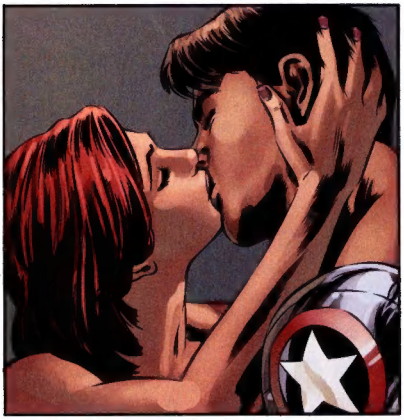
IT WASN'T YOU.
YOU'RE NO MORE TO BLAME THAN SHARON CARTER IS FOR WHAT HAPPENED TO STEVE.

MAYBE...

HOW'S SHE HOLDING UP?
SAM'S KEEPING AN EYE ON HER...SHE'S NOT COMING BACK TO S.H.I.E.L.D. THOUGH...


BUT SHE'LL SURVIVE...
SHE'S A SURVIVOR.

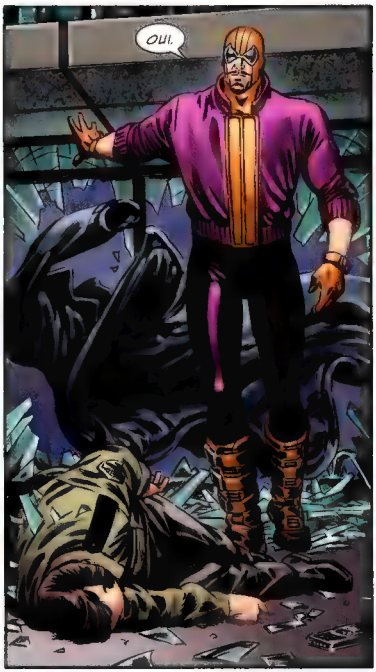
YEAH... SURVIVAL...
PEOPLE DON'T UNDERSTAND...
I DO, JAMES... YOU KNOW THAT.



YOU'RE GOING OUT?
YEAH, JUST NEED TO THROW SOME CLOTHES ON AND RIDE FOR A WHILE...
GET OUTTA MY HEAD.

WILL YOU WAIT FOR ME?
IF YOU'RE LUCKY.

New York City--
United Nations Scientific
Research Facility
--AND I'M LIKE, YEAH, HELL YEAH I AM.
EXCUSEZ-MOI, MONSIEUR...
HOLD ON, MARTY.
...PUIS-JE VOIR VOTRE LAISSER-PASSER?
UM... 'SCUSE ME?
JE VOUDRAIS QUE VOUS VOUS RENDIEZ, SANS FAIRE D'HISTOIRES.
I'M SORRY, I DON'T SPEAK...
'ZAT FRENCH?
KA-WHUKK
SKREEEEE


OUI.

GO...WE HAVE THREE MINUTES, NOT A SECOND MORE.
YOU KNOW THE FLOOR PLAN. NO MISTAKES.

WHAT IS WRONG WITH YOU, BUCKY?

YOU DID SOMETHING STEVE WOULD BE PROUD OF...SAVED AMERICA FROM THE RED SKULL.
AND YEAH, THAT FEELS JUST ABOUT AS TEMPORARY AS IT DID DURING THE WAR...

...BUT STILL, WHY AREN'T YOU CELEBRATING?
HUDSON RIVER
WHY ARE YOU OUT ON THE STREETS BEFORE DAWN...
...INSTEAD OF HOME IN BED WITH YOUR BEST FRIEND?
ALL CARS RESPOND...
INTRUDER ALERT--U.N. RESEARCH BASE--ALL CARS RESPOND.
DAMN IT.
IT COULDN'T JUST BE A MUGGING...IT'S GOTTA BE A RAID ON A U.N. FACILITY.
BRRRRMMMMMMMMM
NATALIA'S GONNA KILL ME.

COME NOW. WE MUST MAKE HASTE.
DID THEY HAVE THE INFORMATION?
THERE WASN'T ENOUGH TIME TO BE SURE.
SO I COPIED THE ENTIRE ARCHIVE.
EXCELLENT. CALL IN OUR EGRESS...IS THAT THE WORD?
NO, EVAC. CALL IN OUR EVAC.
STILL CAN'T QUITE GET INTO THE SWING OF THIS WHOLE "PUBLIC HERO" THING. MY OLD HABITS DIE EXTRA HARD, I GUESS.
KA-WHAMMM
BRR-RAMM
LIKE, SHOULD I HAVE GIVEN THESE GUYS A WARNING?
WHUKK--

MY GUT IS ALWAYS GONNA SAY NO ON THAT ONE.
BLAM BLAM!
AND NOT JUST BECAUSE OF MY TIME AS THE WINTER SOLDIER...
...BECAUSE OF THE WAR, TOO.
KRAK
THERE WEREN'T A LOT OF TIMES WE WANTED ANYONE KNOWING WE WERE THERE BEFORE WE STRUCK.
INTERLOPER!
TU LE REGRETTERAS CHAQUE FOIS QUE TU TE REGARDERAS DANS LE MIROIR--
OH...TELL ME THAT IS NOT BATROC THE LEAPER.
--POUR Y VOIR L'EMPREINTE DE MES POMPES SUR TA GUEULE!

GEORGES BATROC... I'VE READ HIS FILE. MERCENARY SOLDIER.
BNNK
QUOI?!
MASTER OF SAVATE-- A FRENCH MARTIAL ART.
TU ES BIEN ENTRAINÉ, L'AMÉRICAIN...
NOT TO BE TAKEN LIGHTLY.
I ONCE FOUGHT THREE SAVATE-TRAINED FIGHTERS IN ALBANIA.
...MAIS PAS ASSEZ.
KRAKK
I BARELY ESCAPED WITH MY LIFE.
WHUMP
BUT I'VE LEARNED A FEW THINGS SINCE THEN.

STILL, BATROC GAVE STEVE A LOT OF TROUBLE OVER THE YEARS.
IMPRESSIONNANT...
AND STEVE WAS FASTER THAN ME...A BETTER FIGHTER...
JE SERAIS EFFECTIVEMENT CURIEUX DE VOIR CA, MAIS--
SO HE'S CLEARLY NOT TO BE--
--UNDERESTIMATED--
BRZZATT
UHNN!
--CA NE RISQUE PAS D'ARRIVER DE SITOT !

KRUNKKK
SKKASSHHH
...UHH... OW...
QU'EST-CE QUE C'EST?
OH... EXACTEMENT CE QU'IL ME FALLAIT...

DAMN IT... I SHOULD'VE HEARD THAT COMING.
TOO BUSY TRANSLATING BATROC'S BANTER IN MY HEAD...MY FRENCH IS RUSTY.
SO NOW I'LL HAVE TO HUNT HIM DOWN...GREAT.
NATALIA... HEY, YOU AWAKE?
YOU'RE NOT JUST ABOUT TO WALK IN THE DOOR, ARE YOU?
ACTUALLY... I RAN INTO A LITTLE TROUBLE IN THE CITY.
OH, JAMES...
JUST PLEASE TELL ME YOU'VE STILL GOT SOME CONNECTIONS AT THE U.N.
AND YOU BETTER GET OVER HERE, I'M THINKING.

Two Hours Later...
THANKS, OLLIE...YOU KNOW I HATE TO CALL IN OLD FAVORS LIKE THIS.
I KNOW THAT YOU SAY YOU DO...
HEY.
BUT I COULD NEVER REFUSE THE BLACK WIDOW...NOT WHEN SHE'S ACCOMPANIED BY THIS NEW CAPTAIN AMERICA.
STILL, THANKS FOR HELPING WITH THE POLICE, REALLY. THAT COULD HAVE BEEN...
AN INTERNATIONAL INCIDENT?
YOU ALWAYS GO OVERBOARD. I WAS GONNA SAY "STICKY."
THIS IS UNITED NATIONS PROPERTY, CAPTAIN...OUR SECURITY DOESN'T ANSWER TO YOUR INITIATIVE.
GOOD...HAVE YOU FOUND WHAT BATROC AND HIS MERCENARIES WERE AFTER YET?
I BELIEVE I HAVE...IN A SENSE. THEY COPIED ONE OF OUR ARCHIVE DRIVES.
ARCHIVES OF WHAT? WHAT KIND OF RESEARCH FACILITY IS THIS, OLLIE?
THE KIND YOU DON'T WANT IT TO BE, WIDOW...

Shanghai, China—1942
YAAAUGHH!
THIS IS IT, CAP!
GO FIND THE KID, BUCKY!
TORCH AND I CAN TAKE CARE OF EVERYTHING ELSE!
FWOOOSHH
BLAM BLAM
BLAM
NOT TODAY!
BUDDA BUDDA
UKK—

(HEY! HEY, KID!)
(ARE YOU CHIN ZHANG?)
(WAIT...)
(KID, COME ON...ARE YOU THE BOY GENIUS WE WERE SENT TO SAVE OR NOT?)
(...SIMPLY ASTONISHING...)
HEY-- LISTEN UP!
AH... PLEASE FORGIVE ME... YES, I AM PROFESSOR ZHANG CHIN...
AND... YOU ARE WHO?

New York City— Now
--THE NEW CAPTAIN AMERICA...I AM MOST CERTAIN OF IT.
INTERESTING, BUT NOT THE POINT, BATROC.
MY TECHNICIAN EVEN MANAGED TO CAPTURE A FEW IMAGES FROM THE SECURITY FEEDS AT THE GATE. YOU SEE?
AGAIN, THIS IS BESIDE THE POINT.
DID THE MAN PREVENT YOU FROM COMPLETING YOUR MISSION?
PFFFT... YOU INSULT ME.
OF COURSE HE DIDN'T.
WE FOUND RECORDS OF THE REMAINS BEING UNDER EXAMINATION AT TWO FACILITIES IN THE PAST YEAR.
IT WILL NOT BE HARD TO TRACK FROM THIS POINT.
GOOD. THEN...
...MY LEADER WILL BE PLEASED BY THIS REPORT...

AS HE SHOULD BE... I DO NOT TAKE MY WORK LIGHTLY, MONSIEUR.
WAIT... HOLD...
THIS MAN? THIS IS THE MAN YOU FOUGHT?
AS I SAID--
THIS IS THE NEW CAPTAIN AMERICA? THIS MAN?!
YES, DAMMIT. YES.
WHY?
<THE WINTER SOLDIER...COULD IT REALLY BE HIM...?>
EXCUSEZ-MOI? I DO NOT UNDERSTAND CHINESE.
<THE LEADER WILL BE MORE THAN PLEASED...>
To Be Continued...